



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Robert Bridges

Serial No.: 09/936,795

Confirmation No.: 1519

Filed: February 19, 2002

For: A Device For Detecting The
Presence Of A Chemical
Contaminant

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Group Art Unit: 2859

Examiner: Amanada J. Hoolahan

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 25, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response extended three months set to expire on March 25, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/BOUL/A0007/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.